(b) A statement containing the required information is appended (*Appendix XV*).

(c) and (d) The department calls for tenders in most cases, but there are certain items of proprietory articles, instruments, sundries, etc, wherein orders cannot be placed on the mere basis of tender. Hence a judicious selection has to be made with regard to the purchase of these items from special manufacturers.

(e) The files on the subject are placed on the table.

(f) The total expenditure comes to Rs. 34,841—10—10. As regards supplies for 1107, it is not possible to give the exact figure as supplies have not been made in full. Only a portion of the quantities indented for have been received. Balance of supplies is being shipped from Java, England, Germany, etc. The invoices for these supplies have not yet been received and hence accurate figures are not available. However the amount that has till now been paid is included in the total.

Cost of Government—Socialistic state.

215. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to describe exhaustively their speculations about the comparative cost of Government in a socialistic state?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Government have no data to answer the question.

Concentration of land in the hands of a few.

216. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to cancel the liabilities of ryots of the middle and low ranks to those who command margins of resources over and above the widest field of luxuries so that an effective check may be exercised against the unhealthy concentration of land in the hands of a few.

(b) if they don't, what alternative proposals they have to achieve the object;

(c) whether they are aware that their present system of agricultural loans is quite inefficient with reference to the end in (a);

(d) whether they are aware that a free shelling out on money from the Government Treasury to the ryots under the most lenient conditions can partially avert the evil indicated in (a);

(e) whether they are aware that the 12 per cent interest loans many of our ryots have contracted with some of our predatory private banks and individual owners will absolutely ruin them (ryots) provided our law is to play the parlour-maid to the said banks;

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